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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CORONA MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Jason Franco of Corona, CA:

"Maria and I are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Pfc. Franco. He was a committed and brave Marine defending the freedoms we hold dear. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest gratitude are with Franco's family during this difficult time.

Franco, 18, died Oct. 31 as a result of injuries from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Miramar, CA.

In honor of Pfc. Franco, Capitol flags will be flown at half staff.

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VETERANS DAY 2006 EVENTS

The Veterans Day 2006 Events calendar is available online on the California Department of Veterans Affairs' website at www.cdva.ca.gov. This calendar will be updated as needed. To include your event on this calendar, please email the What, When, Where, Who, and Why information for your event to newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov.

Please call Jaime Arteaga in CDVA's Public Information Office at 916-653-1355 if you have any questions or concerns about this online event calendar.

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